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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 3, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee to extend the period for response one month from March 3, 2005 to April 3, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks and provisional election.

REMARKS

The Examiner seeks to restrict this application, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to one of two groups of claims: Group I: claims 1-21, drawn to an apparatus; and Group II: claims 22-42, drawn to methods of relieving pain.

Applicants offer that the Examiner has not demonstrated, by appropriate explanation, that the search of the claims of Groups I and II, together, would constitute a serious burden. See Manual for Patent Examination and Procedure (MPEP) § 803. Applicants consequently request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.